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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  
§1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until April 23, 2003,  
in which to file a Response and RCE to the final Office  
Action, dated October 23, 2002, for the above-identified  
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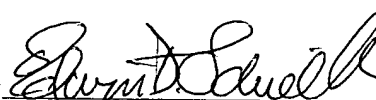
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Inasmuch as the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee for its submission is submitted to be due.

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